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For: **ADJUSTING A NUMBER OF DATABASE REPLICAS BASED ON A DEFINED THRESHOLD VALUE**

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Enclosed are:

- X 23 Patent Specification including an Abstract
- X 8 Pages of Claims
- X 4 Sheet(s) of drawings.      Informal X Formal
- X 1 Declaration(s) and Power of Attorney
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